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## - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT -

We regret to announce that MAXIN 96, David D. Dagmar, Editor, has temporarily suspended publication, due to pressure of personal affairs on Mr. Dagmar and his lack of time for editorial work.

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In company with the numerous readers of Maxin 96, we greatly regret the suspension of that magazine; we take pleasure, however, in announcing that Mr.Dagmar has consented to act as Contributing Editor to Round Robin until such time as Maxin 96 can resume publication.

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A Few of the Articles Published by Round Robin in 1946.

Mediumship of Jack Webber (Vincent Gaddis).. The Aura (E.C.Krieger, 2 parts)..Huna (Max Freedom Long, now running)..Through Gates of Horn (Bob Wepper).. The Vau Communicators (seances)..What Constitutes a Psychical Researcher (Carrington).. Page des Revenants (recordings of trumpet voice)..Spiritons and Spiroculons ( Dr. Philip S.Haley).. Vitality Globules ..One Dozen Liars.. Telepathy-or Pcg?.. Oahspe ..Communications from Sir Oliver Lodge.. Electrical Ghosts (Gaddis)..Field Theory and Survival (Atty.Wm. Randall)..Ball Lightning and the Elementals (Dr.C.J.Ryan).. A Twice-Told Tale (an incredible true story).. Do You Hear Voices? (L'Affaire Shaver)..Book Reviews, correspondence, verse...

and in 1945 Beneath What Stars..Meditation Against Sorrow.. Vitic..Autonomous Field Concept..Akashic Screen.. Telepathic Experiments..Cases of Evidence for Identity..Graveyard Ghosts..Mediumship of Mirabelli..Reincarnation..The Otz Chiim..Fire Over Almeria..Psychic Fasting..Poltergeister.. PK Effects.. The Kluski Mediumship..Idioplastic Food Production.. About 150 other articles, with reviews, addresses, other useful information.

# ORGANIZED STUPIDITIES

'It is a strange form of organized stupidity' writes Gina Cerminara § 'that men call education. That many intelligent men and women have emerged successfully from its tentacles is a remarkable demonstration of the invincibility of the human spirit... The fundamental and colossal stupidity of education, as commonly practised, is that it places its attention on everything in the universe except man himself... Physiology and psychology, and all the arts and sciences of self-knowledge and self improvement, including ethics, religion, philosophy, psychic research, personality, development, and the social graces, should be the primary concern of all educational institutions.'

To this, as to all the rest of the praiseworthy article from which it has been extracted, our Amen is by no means perfunctory; it sounds loud as a ram's horn, even tho there be few unstuffed ears to listen to it. Thru some superior nitwittedness this writer also wallowed in 'education' for a decade and a half, then spent the next twenty years trying to learn something really useful. Very few concepts, among those he now esteems valuable, came to him from lecture room or seminar. Culpa sua, perhaps, and maybe should not here be exposed to public gaze. But he is only one more horrible example among a multitude.

Our own critique of the educational process, while much duller than Dr.Cerminara's, would take a somewhat different form. The best definition of education (to our mind) describes it as the formation of habit and the evolution of power. This means in part that right thinking and right conduct become integrates with the personality, hence habitual; and in the degree that this is done, power voer the self and over environment flow from it. The emphasis here is on the psychological problem, rather than on the choice of subject matter.

Next we would point out that before habit can be formed or power developed, one must possess and develop mental control, in the form of concentration and application. The normal mind can learn 'almost anything', provided the attention can be held upon it. And without the power of attention, nothing can be learned. But attention control as a subject per se is never taught. The pupil is given a task and told to master it - or else! By fear of penalties or luck of liking the subject, he manages somehow. But as to how to manage our own minds, on academic subjects or anything else, every one of us, from primary to graduate school, is his own little Columbus on an uncharted sea. Here and there one hears of a 'course' or a book on "How to Study". For sheer ineptitude, milk toast diet, these are usually blue-ribbon achievements.

How many tens of thousands of books and other writings exist on educational theory and practise, on the psychology of pedagogy? Where is there a single one dealing with the elementary principles of attention control? How long can the average university graduate 'really'

§ Bulletin, Assoc.for Research & Enlightenment, Virginia Beach, Va., Gina Cerminara, Ph.D., Editor. May, 1946.

hold his mond on, say, a word, a symbol, an object, a phrase or proposition that does not interest him? We have heard super-optimists allege three minutes for this performance - but have never yet met the prodigy who could do it. (We grant, of course, that attention control is relative, and almost unobtainable in full degree).

What a brilliant discovery it was, when educators announced that the key to attention was interest! Children are interested in candy sticks, concentrate on them with no difficulty at all! Therefore, make every school subject into a candy stick too, turn all tasks into play - and presto, the educational problem is solved! Unfortunately, when Johnny-cum-laude goes job hunting, family rearing, maybe world-conquering, not a single candy stick does he find, but all sweets have turned sour. His preparation for this, however, is a rimless zero. Whoever taught him how to hold his mind on dull and disagreeable subjects, to think his way thru stone-wall difficulties by ruthless logic, right insight and sustained power?

Of course this one phrase we are expounding, attention control, spreads over every phase of life, encircles the earth like Midgaard serpent. Anyone who can really manage his mind has no fears or sorrows, and no ills of body either - you simply don't have a pain if you're not aware of it, refuse to attend to it. You don't even have to stay 'inside' your body, once you have learned to put all your attention outside, but can whisk off to Hindu Kush or wherever in a single eye-flicker. Aladin's lamp, Solomon's ring, the elixir of life, the philosophers' stone, Alkahest, the secret of secrets - are so many symbols and word-embodyings of the power to control consciousness.

This power exists in some degree for everyone - else learning and purposeful effort would not exist. It can be trained and developed, or education would be impossible. It can be developed to an almost incredible extent and no one can set limits to its possibilities - as every student of occult matters is well aware. It is the Alpha dnd Omega of occult development, and the very essence of individuality and of power -- and also the one thing which our so-called educational processes never make any direct attempt to develop....

We could go on and on about this, but what's the use? Why ruin Round Robin forever, just on account of a few editorial complexes?

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ATO-BOMBS AGAIN

Major de Seversky, in Readers Digest not long ago, freed his mind on the subject of "atomic frenzy .. near hysteria.. fantasy running wild", admitted he had made no mathematical calculations, but asserted the Hiroshima explosion was about equal to that of a ten-ton block-buster. But the 114 technicians of the U.S. Strategic Bombing Commission disagreed with the Major "Unaminously and often violently". General Groves, for instance, remarked that a similar bomb on the Pentagon building would destroy an area two miles in diameter": the forces released were equivalnet (says Readers Digest) to 20,000 tons of TNT.... And this, we add, is a small edition of the bombs which brass-topper wisdom proposes to explode near the level of the sea, in an unstable geological area - come August next. But maybe - just maybe the July altitude explosions will be enough to scare, not 'wits out of' but some sense and sanity into our bold experimenters. At any rate, here's hoping!

# H U N A

The Workable Psycho-Religious System of the Polynesians. An Abridgment of Huna, a pamphlet by Max Freedom Long. Third Installment -

## Part III

### How the Aid of the High Self is Obtained.

We have seen that there are three selves: the low self or sub - consciousness, the middle self or ordinary brain consciousness, and the High Self, or 'Superconsciousness'. This last concept, tho familiar to occult thinking, has never been clearly recognized by Christianity nor by western psychology. Religion, however, recognized prayer as a means of contact with the Deity, and it is clearly to prayer that we must look for an explanation of the very effective practises of Huna. The Kahuna, like esotericists in all lands, prays to his High Self ( the Superconsciousness, The 'Guardian Angel', the divine Augoeides, the Egoic consciousness) and his problem is precisely the same as theirs - how to establish the desired contact (It is in the High Self that all wisdom and power and knowledge abide; a full and true contact with it is 'expansion of consciousness', and this is known to western Illuminists as Realization, Illumination, and by many other terms. But contact is also established fleetingly in many ways - the 'hunch', the inspiration, the flash of genius, or some touch of supernormal cognition) §

Contact between sentient beings takes place by means of thought, expressed by sounds, words, gestures, symbols. Telepathy is the direct transfer of thought apart from any gross material medium, and this is the means which must be employed in communicating with the High Self in prayer (tho ritual and its adjuncts are also helpful).

Thoughts are formulated by the low self, or the middle self, or by the two working in cooperation. They are an action or process of the vital energy. Vital energy does not work in vacuo; it operates on matter - etheric matter. The etheric matter which is worked on, modified, is the shadowy body, or etheric double of the low self. The atoms or electrons of this etheric body which are modified by a thought, constitute a thought-form ( an instructive extension of the meaning usually given to this phrase). When the low self leaves the body at death, it takes these thought-forms or memories along with it, in the etheric body which it then occupies. In transmitting a telepathic message, the low self sends out a copy of the thought-form which it is holding. It creates (as we understand it) a double, or shadowy body of the thought form, and projects it. In mind reading the low self reaches out to another person and brings back duplicates of thoughts or memories.

The mechanism of this projecting or reaching out will be discussed a little later.

§ Comments added by the present writer are enclosed in parentheses.

HUNA (Con.)

The middle self can direct the low self to send or receive telepathic messages, but cannot do either of these itself. (Telepathic communication with the High Self is thus seen to be below the threshold of brain consciousness. The western Illuminist, recognizing this, strives for the integration of the selves, which is equivalent to an expansion of consciousness when viewed from 'below'). During sleep, however, it is probable that contact of some kind is established with the High Self. Dreams of the future which come true give good evidence of this, since it is only the High Self which knows the future. (There is that 'within us' which is near omniscience, which transcends time and space and solves all problems, yet western psychologists have been compelled, for the most part, to crowd all these miraculous powers into the subconsciousness, along with all the malice, perversion and selfishness of human nature - or, the inspiration of Plotinus and of Gil de Rais are water from the same well).

During these night contacts, the thoughts of the low and middle selves are averaged by the High Self, and in some way used to materialize the future. Thus, persistent fears, hopes and expectations are likely to be realized. (Presumably, it does not matter greatly whether these are dwelt upon consciously, or driven under cover in the low self; the High Self reads them every one, and casts up its nightly accounts from them, and decides upon aspects of the future.

(This concept sheds considerable light upon the relation of our habitual thinking to our lives, upon the effects of 'holding the thought', on the peculiarly effective quality of last thoughts before falling asleep, on the influence of fears, hopes and the like, and many other practical matters. The great events of our lives are fixed, 'crystallized' beforehand; but the details of our future are made as we go along, day by day. The key to what shall be lies in what we are doing now. This seems like good occultism, good philosophy and religion and sound thinking from any angle. It allows for the play of both 'free will' and of fate; it is both deterministic and realistic. If prayer and repentance correct our thinking, they may modify our future; but if they are no more than fears and wishes and hope to escape consequences, very little can be effected by them. The power of prayer is allowed for, as being very great; but it is not at all a matter of wheedling some omnipotent God into giving us health, prosperity and full bellies, as naive orthodoxy has long believed. We have here, however, what amounts to a personal and private God for each of us, our own Father-and-Mother in heaven, the great One who will never leave us or forsake us - for the very intelligible reason that He is in us as we are in Him - being His own earth-projection and individual experiment. Perhaps we go a bit too far here, interpreting in this way, since some aspects of the Huna thinking are vague or quite lost in the processes of time, but it is clear that the general concept is intelligible and acceptable to esoteric thinking everywhere).

The great obstacles to the all-important communication with the High Self are thought habits, fixations, complexes, set beliefs about the nature of things - and particularly complexes of sin, guilt, and unworthiness. These exist largely at the subconscious level. And since it is through the subconscious that the approach to the High Self must be made, they have the effect of blocking the channel of communication. For sheer practical realism, bare bones of the psychic mechanism, HUNA has few equals.

- To be Continued -

Invitation to Wrath

For an account of brutality, cruelty, viciousness in the best modern manner, we recommend the article entitled BEDLAM 1946, in Life magazine for May 6. There are some 400,000 guiltless patient-prisoners in more than 180 State mental institutions, and a great number of these are subjected to innumerable cruelties and the most outrageous living conditions. If we were even a half-civilized people, such conditions would not exist for forty-eight hours after they were once made known, so terrible would be the blast of public anger. If we were one-quarter civilized, such conditions would never come into being. Pity the man who, ill in mind and body, falls into the power of his fellow humans, into the maw of institutions, into the clutch of our fang-and-claw 'humanitarianism', into the heartlessness, stupidity and sadism of our 20th century 'culture.' Let all the smug souls and stuffed bellies who think that we at least have no sins as a nation, no bitter karma of unspeakable cruelties to expiate, consider BEDLAM 1946 as one black example to the contrary - after which the tale could too easily be prolonged.

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The Fate of the Suicide

We have long noted, with some puzzlement, a certain harshness, even savagery of opinion toward those who depart this life by their own hand. Some of the worst of these diatribes have appeared, we grieve to say, in spiritualist publications, where one has a right to expect both informed opinion and gentleness in judgment. These inquisitors who condemn every suicide without distinction to a near-eternity of darkness - does it never occur to them that even if they really believe such stuff, it is a bitter dis-service to thrust it upon the hearts of sorrowing loved ones?

Our best occult knowledge leads us to believe that every instance of suicide is a problem in itself - and also, that this knowledge is insufficient for definitive judgment.

If moral guilt is involved, the effect of this is karmic and is felt in the next incarnation, not in the inter-life. But what of the suicide who is deranged or 'unbalanced', and what, exactly, do these expressions mean, and just when do these conditions exist? Who is capable of establishing, for another or for himself, the degree of responsibility? What does responsibility mean, anyhow? If you are glib with your answer, put the question to a philosopher, accustomed to deal critically with moral concepts. If ignorance is bliss it is also cocksureness, or the father-and-mother thereof. If you can really define sanity, responsibility, and guilt, then and then only are you qualified to pass upon the destiny of the unfortunate suicide.

It is also believed among nearly all occultists, that the fact of suicide (not the moral guilt, if any) has a distinct effect upon the soul in Kama Loca. This effect, however, is precisely that which results from premature or violent death from any cause - the soul is temporarily and in some degree earth-bound. This is a measure of misfortune, but it is far from being an inprisonment in the astral hells. If the spirit enters the new life under conditions of great strain or suffering or mental derangement (very common accompaniments of suicide) these conditions may leave him dazed and bewildered for a time - just as they would do if he had died in some other and more 'natural' way.

'Suicide' also occurs in a great variety of ways and under many conditions. The word might be applied to one who gives up his life for another (and greater love hath no man), or for a cause he believes just, or that he may not be a great burden upon other persons. His opinion in such case may be mistaken, but he surely has no moral guilt. And there are many who believe that suicide is justifiable, even praiseworthy, as an escape from intolerable and cureless pain. (Those who think it a sin to avoid suffering should renounce all physicians and medicines forthwith). As to what we have said about the effects of moral guilt (which indeed often exists) we remind our Theosophical readers that this is explicitly the teaching of Sinnett. Let us be very careful in our judgments, remembering that it is not within human wisdom to determine the degree of blameworthiness of any fellow human.

It is true that many suicides are known to wander in confusion and darkness, but we repeat that this may arise from the mental condition at the time of death, and from ignorance and other contributory factors, and not because of a self-inflicted death. If there was moral guilt, it was not the cause of this sad state, but will be expiated in just degree in another incarnation. Had the suicide died by accident at the same precise moment, his first discarnate state would be the same.

To all bewildered and earth-bound spirits it is well to give hope and encouragement and a knowledge of their true condition, and the advice to pray, to aspire, to seek the light, to call upon their guides and friends and to renounce the ties of earth. In this way much good may be done, and there is a great amount of data in support of this opinion, and substantial agreemnet upon it. But it is not a good thing to summon these departed ones, to detain them, to bind them to earth with tears and lamentations, or even with the tenderness of love. "Loose and let go" - as indeed one must do with all things.

We are not ignorant of the fact, that many pages could be filled with an elaboration of this subject, with its complexities and curious instances, and the teachings of this cult and of that. We write of it partly because RR receives from time to time, letters from persons in distress of spirit thru the self-liberation of some loved one - and often wrongly distressed and horrified by the 'teachings' of those who should themselves first begin to learn. What has been said here, however, is not ex cathedra, no private revelation, but only a kind of synopsis of what seems to be the best information available.

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Terminology — Evestrum: this is practically a synonym for scinlecca, umbratile, doppelgaenger, wraith, shadow, astral or etheric double. The Leffas are the astral bodies of plants. Mumia is the body-life, the magnetic body or vital essence, such as remains in a piece of transplanted skin. The Flagae are Familiars, who serve the one on whom they attend and obey his will. They are said to guide in the sortilege (either lot-drawing or divination), and to have been the ancient teachers of mankind. Karana Sharira is the designation (?) of the spirit said to be assigned to each child at birth, as a guide. Or it is said to function as a High Self, tho remaining a distinct entity. Beasts in occultism are Elementals in animal forms. Basilisk, Aspis, and Leo are monsters created by sodomy.

# Fire-Walking -- and the Huna Instances

by

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I have read with considerable interest the review in Round Robin of Max Freedom Long's pamphlet dealing with firewalking of the Hawaiian Kahunas. Mr. Long summarizes:

> "Three things are involved in the mechanism of...firewalking: (1) Some intelligence wise enough to produce the results (2) Some operative force or power adequate to the task (3) The material substance involved in the fire-walking and in the prayer-offering."

I have intentionally limited this discussion to fire-walking. I hope by such simplification to illustrate Mr.Long's disregard of facts, as I feel deeply that his interesting philosophical discussions are undermined by his lack of even reasonably substantiated data.

Long's first case of fire-walking is that of Kuda Bux, he being one of the fire-walkers tested in London during 1935 and 1937.

It is unfortunately all too clear that Mr.Long has not assimilated the lessons learned from these cases. The experiments with Kuda Bux were carried out on September 9 and 17, 1935, under the auspices of the University of London Council for Psychical Investigation, with Harry Price in actual charge.

Mr.Price's report states that as a result they learned (1) No preparation of the feet was necessary (2) Callosity of the skin had nothing to do with immunity (3)The feet should not be wet or damp. But they were left with three alternatives as to how the feat might have been done. "(1) by 'faith' (2) The short time of contact with the embers (3) A knack in walking.

Kuda Bux walked 11 ft. without being burned,altho some amateurs who attempted to duplicate the feat were slightly burned.

In 1937 further experiments were conducted with Ahmed Hussain, a professional magician. Hussain walked 12 ft. 6" without being burned. Five amateurs then walked the same path and were slightly burned.

It seemed evident to Price that the effect of the heat was cumulative and two steps by each foot was about the maximum that could be taken without injury. To prove this, Hussain was asked to walk a fire 20 ft. long. After some hesitation he agreed to do so and made the walk on April 9, 1937, again followed by several amateurs. Hussain's feet were quite badly blistered and the amateurs were slightly burned, Hussain refused to attempt the 20 ft. fire again and further tests were held with a 12 ft. fire on April 20, 1937. The best performance recorded in the series of tests was that of Reginald Adcock, one of the amateurs.

Mr.Price concluded that the secret of fire-walking lies in (1) the short contact time of each foot with the embers, with a maximum of two steps per foot. (2) The low thermal conductivity of burning or burnt wood embers (3) Confidence and steadiness in walking.

He stated: "As we have proved with Reginald Adcock, any person with the requisite determination, confidence, and steadiness, can walk unharmed over a fire as hot as 800 degrees centigrade. The experiments proved once and for all that no occult or psychic power, or specially induced mental state, is necessary in a fire-walker."

An excellent summary of his experiments may be found in Chapter xiv of Price's Fifty Years of Psychical Research.

Let us repeat: "No occult or psychic power, or specially induced mental state, is necessary in a fire-walker." Let us also repeat that Reginald Adcock, who was 40 pounds heavier, walked slower and farther than did the Indians, and quite as successfully from the standpoint of immunity.

I might mention that in addition to the summary of HUNA published in Round Robin, I have also read the fire-walking data from Long's pamphlet under the same title. The reference is too long to quote here, but it is to be noted that of the five cases cited in addition to Kuda Bux, not one has even approximately complete substantiation as to names, dates, places etc., and in most cases his references are such as "In Burma ..." A white man ..." "In the Philippines ..." -- without other specific data of any sort.

Such a method of presenting data is not that of science, enlightened study of the occult, or even of practical research... Nearly all writers on the occult have a tendency to obfuscate their subjects with a lot of mumbo-jumbo. One of the greatest services one could perform in the Round Robin would be to give such articles a close shave with "Occam's razor" Mr.Long's pamphlet would be a good one on which to start.

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Rivet on the Neck: Recent issue of TIME has an article about an Italian boy who developed extraordinary clairvoyant powers, but had to hold a rivet (or other piece of metal) against his neck for the seeing of visions. This recalls experiments reported some ten years ago, of an Italian physician who obtained remarkable telepathic results by fastening some sort of metal capsule to neck and/or leg... If anybody has the data on these experiments, please tell us all about it.

Sky-Wanderer Radio broadcast of June 2 (station unknown to us) told of a meteor or meteorite, fell in a back yard, onto solid rock, made a hole some 18' long, several feet deep, but failed to wake up occupant of nearby house. No verification - but we recall collecting some two pages of instances of meteor eccentricities - huge masses that failed to penetrate even soft soil, defying gravity and all proper scientific behaviour. All such Fortean data of course get the brush-off, as a rumour, or a lie, or an oddity in the news.

"Cosmic Ray" Cheery announcements, radio and press, of "cosmic ray explosive" - no details or even hints of the principle involved, but the ato-bomb is said to be a firecracker by comparison. For bigger and better explosions, page the 20th century!.. Story in Collier's not long ago, finished the world off in about 3/4 of a second. If it happens as quick and easy as that, we can stop worrying.

AFFIDAVIT TO
PHENOMENA

Vancouver, B.C. April 26, 1946.

We, the undersigned persons who assembled together on the invitation of Mr.G.A. Emberg hereby certify that the phenomena hereafter recorded took place in our presence, namely:- (1) A frosted light globe of 60 watts while connected with the household lighting system of 110 volts A.C. and situate in clear view in the living room where we were assembled, showed a transformation of varying light colors of rainbow-like hues and tints, alternating and interplending rapidly during the 5 minute demonstration. (2) Next, a clear light globe of 150 watts while connected in like manner displayed a marvelous blending of colors including all the shades of the solar spectrum. For the first two minutes or so the normal bright light continued, causing some of us to shade our eyes from the glare, but gradually this bright glare diminished and in its place appeared a mellow and pleasing panorama of interblending luminosity, fluctuating within the globe and with the central light alternating from end to end of the carbon film. This unique demonstration continued for about ten minutes.

Signed: Mrs J.C. Dunbar, Mrs.B.Johnson, Mrs.M.Messer Mrs.M.Rankin, John Horner, James C.Dunbar, Doris Horning.

SEAL. Declared before me at Vancouver, B.C.this 26 day of April 1946. Signed. William J. Irvin, Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.

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More Spirit Surgery

Thirteen spirit appendectomies have been performed in Tonsuya, Rizal, suburb of Manila (Philippines), with Dr. Jose Rizal, a national hero there, as the spirit operator, and Julieta Bulatao and Lucrecia de Belen as mediums. Rfc. Eugene Houghtaling reports, according to the New York Spiritualist Leader. The Rizal operations are left neatly bandaged and sewed, and there are no visible scars... The 13 operations have been spread over a period of about three years. (Leader for May 12).

Bikini Business?

"Floods,famine, hunger, disease, with Nature rebelling against man... volcanoes roaring, earthquakes shattering, lands sinking and new lands rising while seas unite" - these are parts of a prophetic communication received about 8 years ago by a prominent English spiritualist, R.E.Goldsbrough - quoted by the Leader, which thinks the Bikini experiments will maybe start these convulsions... Even the Los Angeles Express prints prominantly an article entitled The Idiots of Bikini - meaning the brass toppers and their cocksure scientists. Here's hoping all goes well, but if all goes poppo instead the knowledge will come a bit late, for many of us... We call the whole thing criminal folly, whatever the result may be, simply because it's a vast and admitted and unnecessary risk..... David D.Dagmar's cartoon (Maxin 96) shows the task fleet steaming into its home port, Denver, Colorado - after the bust-up (only, there would be no fleet left to go anywhere, of course). By the way, it's the August experiments which are most dangerous, by present schedule..After July next, address Round Robin, care of Davy Jones' Locker (maybe)!

Bikini Business (Another Item) Clip sent us by somebody (we suspect W.A.) gives opinions of the president of California Institute of Technology, reported by CSNS dispatch of May 30 (name of paper not shown on clip), re ato-bomb tests."Their value to pure science will be nil, they will not be a factor in future policy, and may expose 1000 scientists and technicians to grievous danger .... basic strategic questions will remain unanswered...It is only the underwater tests scheduled for 1947 that may prove informative...The enormous and intensely radioactive cloud that rises from an atomic explosion is a terrifying thing. It is completely subject to the whims of meteorology Who can say that a sudden rainstorm could not precipitate dangerous quantities of this material onto one or more of the ships packed with observers...or that a malfunctioning of a bomb will not put many men in grievous danger?" This is a synopsis of predictions appearing in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists of Chicago, and "follow similar warnings made recently by scientists at Los Alamos (N.M.)"

RR repeats, that many voices are being raised against this superfoolishness - and in very responsible quarters; it's not merely a Round Robin nightmare, by any means. Also, the greater danger, that of seismic disturbances, is overlooked by objectors who think the atol will flatten out any 'tidal wave' effect... Well, we live to learn, maybe die for the same reason.

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Flight of Mrs Guppy Mrs Guppy is the lady who reportedly (Saturday evening, June 3, 1871) was miraculously whisked off from her peaceful hearthside in Highbury, London, to a seance room on Lamb's Conduit Street, three miles away - there to land with a loud thump in the center of the table. Yes, we know what Harry Price says about it; he says "of course the whole thing was a swindle", and then adds, 5-6 lines further on,"nobody has ever proved it to be a swindle". Well, a logician might handle H.P. rather rudely on that , but we're more interested in the lady - and for the first time find a reprint (in Light for May) of the original reports. There were 11 persons sitting close to each other in a small room, doors locked, no vacant chairs, closets - nothing but the table on which Mrs Guppy landed, with her 17 stone (238 lbs.), her night-gown, her justifiable tears and fears - and followed by her slippers, which fell from the ceiling soon afterward. Or anyhow, 11 people swore to these facts in a formal affidavit, along with other pertinent and attendant marvels, and it's as good a case for teleportation as you'll find anywhere. We wish we could reproduce the whole Light account, which is well worth reading.

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Winchester House In one of its earliest issues, Round Robin reported an interview with the materialized spirit of Mrs. Sarah L.Winchester, builder of the 5-million-dollar Kozy Korner, and giving her own explanation of the affair. National Spiritualist for June 1 prints a lengthy article by Whit Wellman on this same subject, and very interesting reading it is... There's also the story of the mediumship of Farmer Riley, notes on spiritualism in England, book list and other features. (See "Publications" page for address,this RR)

SPIRITONS AND SPIROCULONS
by
"Just Plain Walter Gordon"

Editor of Western Spiritualist disagrees with his friend Dr. Haley).

Words, words, words! Where does he get them? Spiritons and spiroculons are not mentioned in Webster's Unabridged and in all of my reading I have not heard of them before. Of course, we suppose that geniuses, scientists, and poets have a right to invent them. However, if one does take the liberty to invent words he should add his definition of them. Even Oahspe does that!.

I do not believe there is at this time a world soul, that is, in the sense that most people seem to. Some time in the beginning of things there was a whirling mass of matter, fire mist, that gradually condensed and became solid. Thus the earth was formed. The cosmic expanse of God-stuff, not yet individualized, made its first appearance in the rocks, then in the plants, finally in the animal world, in man. Ever becoming more and more individualized, spirit matter grows. Now, nearly all of it is condensed into individualized spirit beings, either in or out of physical bodies. As above, so below. I agree that we came out of that ocean of world soul, but I do not agree that we go back into it. We go on, and there is no end. The earth is an incubator for the Gods.

Dr.Haley would have us believe that our spirit friends have no size, shape, or form. In my thirty years of association with spiritualism I know of no evidence that would lead me to believe such is the case. On the other hand, there is abundant evidence that 'over there' they have form. At least the spirit people say so, in such expressions as "They met in fond embrace" and "I was met with outstretched hands". These pictures are portrayed in spirit writings all too numerous to be false. If our friends had no form, how would we know them when we go over? The bible says "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body."

I will agree that the etherialized form is idioplastically generated - not by the spirit, but by the law of spirit return. The first few times the spirit returns, he takes on his former earth conditions. A man passing out with but one leg will return with one leg missing, but after many times he will return with both legs, as he is in spirit. And a spirit that died at birth will return twenty years later as a grown-up person.

And then the Doctor describes a materialization. Well, I thought I had seen some of the best, and I have seen dozens - but never anything like he describes. I really WONDER.

Finally he takes us far afield in clairvoyance. We have had a few visions also. Sometimes they come one way and sometimes another. I defy Leadbeater or Dr.Haley to prove they are independent clairvoyants - or even to prove there is such a thing as independent clairvoyance. How do we know but that we are being shown these things by our spirit guides? Can we prove that we can see without their help? That is as impossible as for the hypnotist to prove that he, and not some outside influence, is doing the hypnotising - tho perhaps receiving his magnetic power from the so-called hypnotist.

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THEODORE ILLION - AND THE TIBETAN WISDOM

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"Compared with the total population of Tibet, which probably amounts to a couple of millions, the number of the wise Tibetans is exceedingly small. It is certainly much lower than one thousand.

I asked him: Do you think you are great?

He smiled. "Nothing is high and nothing is low, my friend. All is relative. I am not greater than the bird or the worm. Only life goes on. The form is immaterial."

(These wise men, the real 'hermits', do not live in isolation except from time to time, they do not meditate in dark cells, nor practise austerities, nor make people afraid, nor make parade of occult powers. They can only say to people who approach them: "The horrible sufferings of the world are due to the delusion that selfishness is necessary for happiness... The impulse to change one's life must come from within ... If life does not give you something, life knows that you would misuse it, or that you need suffering for the moment... The greatest catastrophe that could come to most people would be the in - stant satisfaction of all their desires...")

These real hermits eat very little, but they declare they never make an effort to abstain from food ... They seem to be so spiritual from within that they are seldom hungry ...

"The power to read other people's thoughts" (said the hermit) "came on all by itself. I broke down my self-centeredness, and when I reached from within a state of consciousness which would never permit me to take advantage of my capacity to read other people's thoughts, I could read them. I never used exercises ... If egocentrical people could penetrate into the private thoughts of others, the world would become still more terrible than it is at present ... As powers increase there must be an increase in love and compassion ..."

(Real Tibetan saints are moral because they want to be moral, and their non-indulgence is natural and effortless ... This is different from an artificially subdued sensuality of the so-called saint who is 'holy' for selfish reasons... These real hermits do not judge others ... They have very few pupils, or none ... They make light of everything that is strained or artificial...

(The less one takes an egocentrical view of life, the less one divides everything in life into the "I" and the "non-I", the more one is relaxed psychically, and then physical relaxation automatically follows. The more egocentrical we are, the more we keep soul and body in a state of tension. If we take life in terms of having instead of terms of being, the perpetual state of wanting to gain something puts us into a state of cramp, both psychically and physically... The real Tibetan saints do not want to have anything .. any more than one wants to have a sunset or possess music...)

The remarkable resistance to cold of the real saints of Tibet is a consequence of a perfect psychical and physical relaxation due to their non-egocentrical conception of life ... The so-called saints also achieve this mastery over cold, but their methods are very dangerous even for Tibetans, and usually suicidal for the white person.

Theodore Illion - and the Tibetan Wisdom
(Con.)

The real saints seem to be able to master the forces of Nature; the false saints do this to a slight degree, but the work is harmful and exhausting... There are undoubtedly some psychical phenomena in Tibet, but they are few and far between ... I saw flying lamas only on two occasions... Their hands and feet swung to and fro like a pendulum. The speed at which they progressed was amazing... The lama about ten yards distant from me did not appear to be out of breath...he appeared to be in a state of trance. (Note by Editor: Mme.David-Neel describes the lung-gom-pa as sitting cross-legged in the air and skimming rapidly over the tops of the low brush. On other occasions they are seen to touch the ground lightly every few yards. The speed of progress is between 15 and 20 miles per hour)...

With regard to the dark occultists of Tibet... it is beyond doubt that they can work harm, but they have to choose their victims carefully. "It is a fact recognized by all occultists that an absolutely unselfish and fearless man cannot be hurt by adverse influences.". Such an influence bounces back and injures the sender. (Note: Unfortunately, such model humans are scarce; moreover, it is necessary that even such persons be in excellent mental and physical health, if they are to automatically repel both magnetic and telepathic attacks. Ed.)

It is quite certain that some of the real hermits, who appear to be about 35 years of age, are at least a hundred, and many are reputed to be five or six hundred years old, tho of this there is no proof.

"It is not fasting that keeps me young" (said this hermit)." I eat little because I am practically never hungry. The moment you make an effort to remain young, you get older. If you make an effort to keep something, you are afraid to lose it. And fear poisons a man...And an elixir of eternal youth would only make the world worse. Lengthening people's lives without changing their hearts would only increase disorder and suffering in the world... No, I am not happy, because of the endless Calvary of the masses of humanity ... Yet life is worth living. We can be sign posts for humanity... There is no harm in riches if you do not cling to them. Contempt for them comes of itself, once you have understood life... The first step is to understand one's self... Examine all your motives with brutal frankness ... A new conception of life is necessary all over the world. Unless we create it, both the East and West are doomed...There may be gigantic upheavals, tho nothing is definitely determined as yet...Beware of people who think they are good. In most cases we are worst when we imagine we are good...

"As long as we live we must seek. Life would have no meaning if there was anything certain. You cannot find truth. The moment you have your truth, it is no longer truth... Never be satisfied with yourself.. There is one guiding principle, it is Love. There is one dreadful pitfall, spiritual arrogance - to misuse the Light by feeling superior,and so sinning against your true Self...

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With these last words, says Illion, the hermit vanished from his sight. We point out here the deep unity of esoteric teaching of both East and West - and also the warning and prescience of vast disaster to come, unless spiritual reconstruction can be effected - a warning now being repeated by ten thousand tongues throughout the civilizations of the West.

## The Mystery of the Double

Psychic Observer for May 25 carries a 5-column article by Horace Leaf, F.R.C.S., concerning the 'psychic double' which sums up about as follows. An American woman consulted Leaf, in London, about the haunting of herself by an apparition of her husband - a prosaic business man in normal health. This double appeared during both waking and sleeping hours of the husband, would bow, smile ironically, then disappear. It resembled the husband in every way "except for a deep, cunning look in its eyes." On one occasion, however, it wore a hat and coat, while the husband had on neither and was lying on a nearby couch.

The husband himself was able, after a time, to see this apparition, and then began a distressing period of which he said, "My body is no longer a real part of me. I seem to be looking out of my eyes as if out of windows, and I am becoming a poltergeist. Every night I seem to rise in phantom form, walk about the house and move the furniture. Members of the hotel staff saw me .. My wife and daughter see me regularly .. The apparition is me and I must stop it.."

Professor Leaf then hypnotized the man, and a secondary personality made its appearance. Interrogation convinced Leaf that it was "some aspect of the subconscious mind" of the subject, tho it clearly had "a character and independence all its own." Furthermore, "it" had a tale to tell. It declared that the patient was "sensitive and unstable" and subject to the "invasion of an external entity" desirous of having earth experience. This entity possessed a body of its own, but could not manifest physically thru it. "It borrows substance", said the hypnotized patient, "from my body, and when that is no sufficient it extracts my etheric body and uses that." The poltergeist, however, was not this invading entity, but the etheric double of the patient. The realization that the apparition was a real personality (the secondary personality declared) had acted as a powerful suggestion on the mind of the subject, and caused him to project his true etheric double during sleep... Both apparition and poltergeist were successfully banished thru hypnotic suggestion.

Let us itemize the elements we have here. (1) The subject, in normal health (2) A venicle-double of the husband, said to be animated by an external entity, using body substance, and also the etheric body of the husband (3) The external entity itself, with a body of its own (4) The etheric venicle (body, double) of the husband, with a poltergeist tendency (5) The secondary personality of the husband, said to be an aspect of the subconscious, yet with its own character and independence. Note that the activity of the double ( 2,sup.)did did not interfere with the normal life of the subject. But the projection of the etheric double (4) caused a sense of dissociation. Both the invading entity and the true double could manifest physically.... One question: can a secondary personality (or multiple personalities) animate the etheric double of the dense body? Does it possess a double of its own - or what kind of vehicle does it use, if it is able to practise projection? Is the apparition of a living and waking person, at a distance, to be understood as a projection of, or by the subconsciousness? Is the subconsciousness as much a personality in its own right as is the normal waking consciousness?

How far are the mysterious, intelligent, yet often senseless activities of the poltergeist to be explained by these considerations?

Mystery of the Double: Further Note.

To continue briefly, in our unconventional way, with this same subject: we have a few notes from Mr. Vincent Gaddis. According to these, Muldoon (writer on astral projection) once saw a 'third double' of himself standing besidehis entranced physical body, while 'he himself' (normal consciousness) was returning from an astral excursion. He did not have time to determine whether this 3rd double appeared to be conscious or not. Muldoon also has record of a man observing his own projected body walking, "this observation being made from a third body."

Mr.Gaddis also refers to the Sagee case - the school teacher who was habitually accompanied by her double, visible to children but not to her. Sometimes it imitated all her actions, but again it would wander off on business of its own. There seemed to be no disturbance of normal consciousness, by these activities... Goethe and Dumas also caught sight of their doubles (and there was that ancient who 'Met his image walking in the garden')...

Our own present interest in this question is its bearing on Poltergeister; we suspect that these now-inexplicable phenomena will eventually prove to have various explanations. For example (and in spite of the principle of parsimony), one of these racketing spirits may be an 'outside' entity, the next may be a projection of a double from the subconsciousness of some here-living person, a third may be utilizing the true etheric body of such a person (either waking or asleep... The well-known connection between some types of poltergeists and the presence of living adolescents (or adults) fits in all right here, as an energy source, or etheric substance source...

We might remark, once more, not only on the unsurpassable ignorance of contemporary psychologists, but on a curious paucity of information from occult sources as well. We're aware that all these phenomena have been recognized in the Orient, particularly in India, but the data seem to be a bad tangle of fact, fiction, and changing nomenclature - tho the main concepts about the human make-up are reasonably clear.... Many spiritualists are well aware that doubles, projections, apparitions of here-living persons sometimes appear in seance rooms... It is said that "everything has its double". Well, a double is a 'thing' and we would like to know how far this double-business or double-dealing goes... We are aware that the "doctrine of images" is involved in this, and we are not looking for any final, exhaustive, and all-simplified explanation, but only for a fairly clear-cut working hypothesis for the subconscious... or, whether "I" am one or a dozen.... We also point out that the HUNA concepts (expounded by Max Freedom Long in his pamphlet) recognize the subconsciousness as a distinct entity, or personality on its own level, and having (as we understand it) a double of its own. Then, the dense body has its vehicle-double (animated by what?); maybe the superconscious has one also, since it exists in an extra-physical vehicle... This is very crude writing, of course, about very subtle problems - and we hope some of our readers will come to our rescue with a much better statement.

## - IN DEFENSE OF HUNA -

Max Freedom Long replies briefly to Phillip Rasch.

To the Editor:

My thanks for an opportunity to reply to the criticisms of Mr Phillip Rasch and his colleague Mr.Miller, in an article in this issue of Round Robin. As this letter is open to readers, may I ask that they note the explana - tions quoted from Harry Price's book to show why his famous tests of fire-walking seem not to have borne fruit. In passing, let me say that I had not read Mr.Price's late book or learned of the reversal of his earlier conclusions, at the time I wrote the Huna pamphlet. I was endeavoring to point out the fact that a belief in any particular religion, or a lack of such belief, did not make genuine fire-immunity impossible to obtain. (I was not trying to verify the fact of fire - immunity in the tight space of my pamphlet. I was simply pointing to cases fully detailed and verified to the best of my ability, in my book Recovering the Ancient Magic, of which Mr.Miller has first hand knowledge, having copied much of the book and having sold parts of it to magazines, with my permission, of course.

In this criticism Price's arguments were used, so I understand, to show that fire-walking is not a genuine phenomenon of the field of psychism, and therefore that Huna collapses as a psycho-religious system, the moment fire-walking is punctured.

Price wrote that he thought the short time of contact of the moving feet with the coals, and the insulating layer of ash, might explain why amateurs fire-walked as well as Hussain, or better (because of steadiness in walking). But in 1935 Price wrote of the Kuda Bux test (surely my critics have read that report!)

> The experimental fire-walks described above (in his lengthy and illustrated Report) have established the fact that it is possible for a slightly built man with chemically unprepared feet to take four rapid steps on charcoal at 430 degrees centigrade, without injury to his feet... No one portion of the skin of his feet was in contact with the hot embers for as long as half a second. The experiments also show that the poor thermal conductivity of wood ash is not a factor necessary for success, as the ashes were carefully removed before each walk." (A high wind was blowing on the first test day, dislodging ashes and whipping coals to a "cherry-red colour") Reasons for the failure of the two attempts to imitate Kuda Bux's performances are not clear from these experiments."

Mr. Digby Moynagh and Mr.Maurice Cheepen had each taken half as many steps as Bux, and both had been well blistered. After taking four steps on the fire, the performed submitted his feet immediately for a temperature check of the soles; the temperature was "now 93 degrees, that is to say, slightly lower than before the walk.."!!! "Owing to a high wind ...the embers reached an intense heat..." 806 degrees F. at the surface and above steel-melting temperature just below the surface, which is 'white heat.'

Does this sound like a performance to be classed with the later fiasco with Hussain? And, I may ask, why in the name of fair play did Mr. Price not report what prayer Kuda Bux prayed, or what exercise of mind or sub-mind he practised as an adjunct to his fire-walk? This omission in itself tends to nullify any opinion Price may express as to the lack of need of psychic powers or states in getting fire immunity.

If my critics objected to my use of the Kuda Bux case, why did they not telephone me for better verified cases and data, I live in the same city and am in the 'phone book. Or did they hope to discredit Huna on such flimsy ground? And if so, why? For their own glorifica - tion? Perhaps they were not aware of the fact that I used fire-immunity only as a spring-board from which to launch my explanation of Huna. If they were not, they would not know that any smallest item of psychic phenomena would have served nearly as well, be it telepathy, ectoplasm, or the subconscious. In any case, to discredit Huna, they would have had to disprove the verity of all psychic phenomena - which would be quite a task even for them -because Huna deals mainly with such materials. Or do Rasch and Miller belong to the same clan of noble objectors as Hugo Munsterberg ("The story of the subconscious mind can be told in three words, there is none ") and Harry Houdini, who, according to Conan Doyle (p. 213 of Encyclopedia of Psychic Science) "was a very clever magician, but his narrow-mindedness was sufficiently indicated by the fact that he died disbelieving that the phenomena of hypnotism were genuine." (?)

Students and investigators who are working forward as best they can on the pioneer fringes of psychology and psychism, are wearily aware of the shortcomings of their efforts to understand and explain the host of perplexing problems which confront them. They need no reminding of this shortcoming at the hands of critics who have exhibited no credentials for entry into the field.

However these things may be, one event would be greatly refreshing to us all; the presentation by the Rasch-Miller team of even the most microscopic bit of new information or tenable hypothesis which might help forward research in the field under discussion. Will the gentlemen oblige? I am sure the editor of Round Robin would roundly welcome any such contribution.

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Round Robin is indebted both to Mr Rasch and to Mr Long for their interesting and instructive articles. The real issue seems to be the familiar one sometimes called 'legal metaphysics' - the question, that is, (1) just what is the evidence, or just what are the pertinent facts in the case (2)just what inferences may properly be drawn from them? Identical facts do not lead to the same conclusions by all investigators... The principle of parsimony (Occam's razor) is basic in scientific reasoning but is grievously abused. Green apples cause tummy-aches; therefore all tummy-aches are caused by green apples. 'Spirit raps' have been caused by toe joints; therefore all 'raps' come from that source...Harry Price is a distinguished and cautious investigator, not over-gifted with philosophy or logic...As usual, the more one knows about a given type of phenomena, the less certainty he feels as to interpretation... A logical dissection of Price's 2nd Report would be a fascinating exercise.. A-B AB spells BA BAH sometimes.....

## - The Undiscussables -

To discuss means to sift and examine, and fair-minded examination is a function of the human intelligence - and where the intelligence is not functioning, but only the emotions, a subject cannot be discussed. Anti-Semitism, for example. The Jew is not a race, not a physical or mental type, not a blood strain, not a nation, not a religious unit. The only thing Jews have in common is an intellectual and religious tradition based largely on the Old Testament. We never saw a 'Jew-hater' who could define the word Jew - or, for that matter, any ethnologist. Anti-semitism is a complex, a fixation, dating apparently from about the Crusades and appearing in every imaginable form of savagery. Now, no one can argue with a complex, any more than you can with a tumor or a cancer. It infuriates people even to be told about their complexes, which they call their thinking. They procede to rationalize them, which means that reason abdicates and the fight is on. Nothing can be done for such people except to hold their coats while they beat up their neighbors... Our own present interest is merely in behalf of human intelligence, reason, and decency, which flee away like exorcised ghosts before intolerance and hatreds.

Another Undiscussable is of course the "Negro problem"- which is not a racial problem at all, if experts in such matters are to be believed. There is no "Negro race" in the United States; there is simply a culturally retarded social group where the question is complicated by skin coloration. Any sane person knows that this great group cannot be boxed up, or killed off, or enslaved, or deported, or segregated - there probably isn't an ethnologist or 'social scientist' in the world who has any such silly ideas. The only way out is a gradual cultural progress and assimiliation - and the mere mention of that makes every potential Ku-Kluxer froth at the mouth... Our interest in mentioning this is to repeat the fact (quite uselessly) that the "negro problem" is NOT a race problem, but one of a retarded cultural group, and cannot be solved until a fair percentage of both whites and "colored" can understand this point - that is to say, for some centuries to come, judging by our present rate of mental progress.. But maybe long before that, ato-bombs or Something will settle all worldly problems at once - or the patience of the high Gods give way to the thunders of their judgment.

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Do you have any little Undiscussables around your house?

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The Coming Spiritual Era - and Mr. Vincent Gaddis.

Pitirim A. Sorokin's Social and Cultural Dynamics is an education in itself (not too easy going), and RR friend Vincent Gaddis has extracted the life juices of it. In a Mind Digest article (June issue) he turns them to good account, makes a blistering analysis of our social milieu, then comes to the tough but hopeful conclusion that our sensate culture is on the way out, an ideational and idealistic

culture now a-borning. An admirable piece of writing, and much of the thinking of our time is in accord with it. But as for the encyclopedic Professor Sorokin and his collaborators, we recall that according to him the human race, or human history, is not 'going anywhere'; there's no scheme or plan or direction in historical events, no cycles or curves of spirals-Spenglerian or otherwise. The whole of recorded history reduces to trendless fluctuations - Sorokin's exact phrase. We must judge, therefore, that Mr.Gaddis parts company with him in his optimistic conclusions - and most piously do we hope and pray that Mr.Gaddis is right.

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Stop, Look, Listen!

Lord Dowding, widely known English spiritualist, was so injudicious of late as to remark, that probably many of the victims of this last war were expiating sins of past lives. One result, outcries of grief and indignation from various spiritualist periodicals. We find it a good-sized bolus to swallow, ourselves, that every one of these tortured millions of non-combattants had themselves committed similar outrages. Our feelings are no argument - but we do find it curious that spiritualists who accept reincarnation and the doctrine of Karma should be so shy about going the full length of the teaching. Every child and mother and helpless old man burned alive or starved or beaten, presumably had it coming for some reason - presuming the reincarnation theory, as commonly understood, is correct.

Racial Fanaticism

We wonder if there are any reincarnationists among the fanatical haters of folk-different. Does it ever occur, for instance, to the "Jew-baiter" that he himself has either been a Jew, or will be one? Does the hater of black, brown, or yellow skins ever reflect that he himself has been or will be a negro or an Asiatic? The reincarnation teaching explicitly provides for life experience in all lands and races. It ought to put a little tolerance, decency, and fear of God into the minds of its followers, if nothing more. (The RR Editor, by the way, was once told he had been a Brahmin priest and a Geisha girl (not in the same life); was much intrigued by this latter career and tried to get details, but his celestial informant hung up on him).

Continuing this same topic, A.R.E. Editor Gina Cerminara has an excellent article in Mind Digest for June ("Candid Camera" etc). Her attitude is, that reincarnation, while not exactly provable by "tangible evidence ...must exist by psychological necessity, in order to account completely for the observed and otherwise inexplicable phenomena of the consciousness of man." That, of course, is the true nub of the matter; there's an immense amount of data which can be explained no other way, and in such situation it's up to the objector either to show that the teaching does not account for the facts, or to offer an equally good or better alternative. It's precisely the situation which exists with regard to survival and spirit communication - as we have often pointed out. Maybe the Pooh-Bah brotherhood is right sometimes, but we still refuse to accept a horse laugh as an argument.

THE HOLY TAROT "The Tarot is a pictorial text book of Ageless wisdom, from whose pages have been drawn the inspiration for some of the most important works on occult science of the last 75 years. Its influence upon the minds of a few enlightened thinkers may be traced throughout the history of the modern revival of interest in esoteric philosophy."

Thus writes Paul Case, in the first paragraph of his Brief Analysis of the Tarot. We have, from time to time, devoted a few paragraphs to this inexhaustible suoject. So far as we know, no other publication in this country so much as recognizes the existence of the Tarot. And yet the mysterious cards have their devotees by the thousands, their history is long and their literature extensive, and their meanings extend into the most profound depths of philosophic speculation. Round Robin would welcome contributions upon moot points of Tarot interpretation, its use in divination and meditation, and also examples of readings which have been verified by the outcome.

Our present purpose, however, is to offer a contribution which comes to us from Max Freedom Long, autnor of the HUNA pamphlet, of Recovering the Ancient Magic, and of many articles dealing with Polynesian lore. Mr Long at one time lectured on the Tarot, in Honolulu, and came upon this particular spread by one of those so-called accidents which often seem like a descent of Grace from supernal intelligence. Let us take the Trumps Major only (says Mr.Long in effect), convert their Roman numerals to the Arabic, and apply the principle of occult reduction by adding the digits of each card.

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| 0 | = The Fool | | | | |
| 1 | = Magician | 10 | = Wheel | 19 | = Sun |
| 2 | Priestess | 11 | Justice | 20 | Judgment |
| 3 | Empress | 12 | Hanged Man | 21 | World |
| 4 | Emperor | 13 | Death | | |
| 5 | Hierophant | 14 | Temperance | | |
| 6 | Lovers | 15 | Devil | | |
| 7 | Chariot | 16 | Tower | | |
| 8 | Strength | 17 | Star | | |
| 9 | Hermit | 18 | Moon | | |

Here we have changed the Roman numerals to their Arabic equivalents. Add the digits of cards in the 2nd and 3rd columns. 1 plus 0 gives 1. 9 plus 1 = 10 = 1. These go in the "1" group with card 1. 11, for Justice, adds to 2. 20 for Judgment adds to 2. These with No.2. 12, for Hanged Man, adds to 3. 21, for World, adds to 3. With card 3.

There will be 3 groups of 3 cards each; 6 groups of 2 cards each. Lay out your cards this way, in groups or vertical rows - and then examine (for a few minutes or years) the profound significance of of these collocations.

Consider how the Magician, invoking Power from heaven onto the plane of earth, turns thereby the Wheel of Fortune (for his betterment) and enters into the glory of the Sun. How the Priestess, the subconscious mind, works Justice upon the plane of earth and brings the soul into Judgment. How the power of the Emperor is reaped by Death - and the Chariot of the conqueror overthrown by fire from heaven --

ROTA TARO ORAT TORA ATOR
Wheel of Taro speaks the Law of Hathor (Nature)

TABELLARIUS

Rings Twice.

Re AMORC and Ways Thereof. To the Editor of Round Robin:

I have been a member of AMORC for several years. I get the weekly lessons, which are basically good - But, while I was over-seas I was seldom able to read them, let alone perform the experiments. I wrote them, informing them of the situation, but never, so far as I can remember, reported to them on any experiment.

However, I have certificates showing that I have been initiated into the various degrees, tho I have performed none of the initiations.

Some time ago I received what is supposed tobe a Garant d'Amitie from the Grand Lodge of Egypt. A little later I got a letter (all letters from AMORC are form letters) saying that I was to let them know as soon as I received any communication from Egypt. Supposed to be something important. But you see, AMORC already knew I had received the Garant -- at least the envelope in which it came was postmarked San Jose, California.

So it seems that a member in good standing in AMORC is merely a person who pays his dues. The rest is automatic, and apparently nine-tenths of it is a farce. It's too bad, too, because as I say, basically the lessons are good, tho they contain a great deal of advertising.

About the accusation that AMORC sells occult secrets, this is is not true. Their lessons are supposed to lead the student to the place where he can draw his own conclusions. If he has done his work correctly, those conclusions are supposed to be the occult secrets. The 'Laws' given in the monographs are those which are stated in high-school science classes, or which can easily be deduced by any attentive student.

AMORC has been accused of communistic leanins. Of this I have found no indication whatsoever. People are much too careless in making accusations.

I have a very dear friend who was a Rosicrucian for a while--was a patient at the AMORC hospital in San Jose. They did a great deal of good for her at the hospital. But she came to know the late Imperator quite well, and found that he did not practise what he preached. That isn't good in the leader of a nation-wide 'occult' organization. (I know absolutely nothing about the present Imperator, Ralph Lewis, the son of H. Spencer Lewis).

A Round Robin Reader. §

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Guess Whom Editor of Round Robin:

In a recent spiritualist magazine I noted certain details about you, and about the effect of stories that forabout one year have been appearing in _____ ____ Magazine, especially by one ___. I feel that these stories are dangerous and represent an evil effort to manipulate the minds of readers for evil purposes...All except one of these stories by ____tend in this direction; they are non-constructive and dangerous and I cannot tolerate them. Not since the early 30's has anything constructive and educational appeared in this magazine, I warned about this in my letter of April...

Round Robin Reader §

(§§ Correspondents may be reached by addressing the RR Editor)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Notes and Quotes -

Polarized Light — First recorded tests of use of polarized light in seance work are noted by Spiritualist Leader of April 28th. Polaroid film placed in front of the red lamp cuts the intensity in half but the light itself can then be quadrupled, so as to double the effective illumination. Everything in the room can then be seen clearly, without harmful effect on ectoplasmic formations. Polarized film is obtainable from the Leader.

Anything New? (Items noted in Doubt, Fortean Society Magazine) — Rain of beans - Poltergeist throwing bottles - Python in Ohio - Unknown Something flies over Sweden - Volcanic action in California and Oregon - Blue moons, Oregon, England, Fiji - Steady rainfall in front of a bank, all weathers (Georgia) - 750 ft. of steel cable falls (noiselessly) on Oakland houses - sea monsters - Rocket or something over North Carolina - Fire ball, new style, over Nevada and California - Strange effects of a new anaesthetic (dentist says women always cross their legs before taking it) - Notably, a description of Indiana's sky monster, by Vincent Gaddis. All these events except the last are of recent date.

THE STAR — This is the title of a new quarterly announced by physicist Walter C. Graham, designed for the field of the physical sciences, with department for readers' discussions and theories, possibly to include archeology - a general get-together for intelligentsia. $1.00 per quarter, in advance. Box 7046, Sta.G, L.A.37

THEURGY — We repeat the announcement of lectures on the Qabalah, by Dr. Francis I. Regardie, a distinguished author and occultist. Familiarity with the theoretical aspects of the Golden Dawn scheme is prerequisite. The RR Editor emphasizes this as an unique opportunity, since competent instruction and advice in this subject is almost unobtainable. Fee, $50. (3923 W. 6th St. Hollywood 5. Ex.8807)

Spirit of Modern Science

Groucho: It's my belief that the missing picture is hidden in the house next door.
Chico: But there isn't a house next door!
Groucho: Then we'll build one.

In this bit from a Marx Brothers film we have logic, decision, efficiency, organization - and the result, utter nonsense. A perfect picture of modern official science in its relation to psychic and 'occult' phenomena.

Fraternal Note: Public please will NOT read) — About this spate of small publications. Some of us can't get paper, some of us can't get readers, some of us get neither. But there were those folk on the desert island who made a living by taking in each other's washing. If each of us subscribes to all the small papers, we'll be independent as the birds of air and to heck with the public. Mum's the word, boys! On your toes now, and all together!....

## - PUBLICATIONS -

Association for Research and Enlightenment, Inc. Virginia Beach, Va. Montly Bulletin, $2.50 yr. Other publications.

Maxin 96. Magazine of Occult Research. Bi-monthly. David D. Dagmar, Editor.1345 No.Hayworth Ave. Hollywood 46. 4 issues $1.

The Nationalist Spiritualist Monthly.765 Oakwood Blvd. Cnicago 15. Yr.$1. Copy .10

New York Spiritualist Leader. Weekly. Box 832 Grand Central Annex, N.Y. $2.00. Copy 5 cts.

Sunflower. 15 No.Maryland Ave. Atlantic City, N.J. 1 yr.(6 issues) .50.(Book service).

Chimes. Monthly. Brea, Calif. Box 157. $1.00 yr. Copy .10 Bert L. Welch, Editor.

Doubt. Fortean Scoiety Magazine. Box 192 Grand Central Annex, N.Y. .25
Theosophical Forum. Monthly. Covina, Calif. $2.00 yr. copy .20
New Age Interpreter. Bx. 6133 Metropol. Sta.Los Angeles 55. Mo.$1.50 yr.

Parapsychology Bulletin. Duke Univ. Press, Durham, N.C. Gratis, or dona-
Light. Lon. 13/6. Bobbitt Agency, Nashville, Tenn. (tion
Rosicrucian Magazine. Oceanside, Calif. Monthly, $2.00.Copy .20

The Culturist.209 San Fernando Bldg.Los Angeles.Monthly. Copy .15
Spiritual Christian Voice. Address 611 Travis Bldg.San Antonio, Texas.
Spiritual Science Magazine. 357 W.60th, Los Angeles. Mo. $1.40 yr.-.15

Occult Review. Rider & Co. Lon. Quarterly. Bobbitt Agency,Nashville,Tenn

Mimeographed publications: Letters to a Soldier, 32 pp. Basic ideas of spiritualism and occultism, and reading list. Meade Layne. $1.00.
Geomancy: The only separate treatise in print on this curious mode of divination, widely used by modern occultists and very effective. Same author. $2.00. Address Editor, Round Robin, 3615 Alexia Pl. San Diego 4,Calif.

Used Books, excellent condition: Drama of Love and Deach, Edward Car - penter, $1.00 -- Whence, Whither, Why? Augusta Gaskell, $1.50 -- Life's Riddle Solved (Metempsychosis), John H.Manas, $1.50 -- Personality Survives Death (Messages from Sir.Wm.Barrett) $1.50 -- The Unfolding Universe, Findlay, $1.50 -- Houdini and Conan Doyle, Ernst & Carrington, $1.00.

A Round Robin subscriber wishes to get in touch with some resi- dent of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., or San Juan, Calif., with reference to certain clairvoyant data. Write the RR editor.

WANTED: One copy of The Problem of Lemuria, by Lewis Spence. V.H. Gaddis, Winona Lake, Ind.

Your Astrological vibrations, shown in automatic drawings for your birth month. Personalized greeting cards, new, unique, beautifully drawn. $1. for 12 cards, .50 for 6; specify the months desired. Mrs H.M.Plemon, 59 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach 2, Calif.

The Western Spiritualist: a 6-page Mimeo.Bulletin, monthly, .50 a year, newsy and helpful. 1737-101st Ave. Oakland 3.Walter Gordon,Ed.